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MFA Undersecretary Khalid Jarallah called me late today to again ask for US support for Dr. Kazem Behbehani, the Kuwaiti candidate to be the next Director of the World Health Organization. The final vote is Wednesday morning in Geneva, and Jarallah said Behbehani was in the "final five." I assured him that I would convey the message to Washington, and that we would give Dr. Behbehani every consideration.

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